



AUSTIN WATER

WATERING DAY VARIANCE

INSTRUCTIONS

Variances to watering restrictions for commercial and residential properties may be granted in accordance with City Code, Section 6-4-30 (C). The director may grant a variance from a requirement of Section 6-3-15 (Water Conservation Stage), Section 6-4-16 (Drought Response Stage One Regulations), Section 6-4-17 (Drought Response Stage Two Regulations), or Section 6-4-18 (Drought Response Stage Three Regulations) only if the applicant establishes at least one of the following: 6-4-30 (C)(1) an AWU Authorized Irrigation Inspector has determined that, due to its site-specific conditions, a site cannot be watered with an average coverage of 0.5 inches within the time limits prescribed by this chapter; and as applicable, a current irrigation system evaluation required pursuant to Section 6-4-10 (A) Facilities Regulated) is on file with Austin Water Utility.

This variance will authorize a supplementary watering day(s) for sections of the property that cannot be completely watered in the timeframe specified by Section 6-4-13 (E) "Outdoor Water Use Schedule, Section 6-4-15 (B)(D), Section 6-4-16 (B)(C)(D) and Section 6-4-17 (B)(C)(D).

Qualifications:

The irrigation system in use on the property, which is the subject of this variance application, must be operating in a manner that complies with City Code, Section 6-4. Compliance with this article may be field-verified by AWU personnel before approval of a Watering Day Variance.

Compliance:

Throughout the life of the variance, the Water Service Account Holder is presumed to be responsible for compliance with all the provisions of the Chapter 6-4, Water Conservation. This will include but is not limited to the following:

A person may not fail to repair a controllable leak including but not limited to

- a broken sprinkler head, leaking or broken pipes or a leaking faucet; or

A person may not operate a permanently installed irrigation system with

- a broken head
- a head that is out of adjustment and the arc of the spray head is over a street, parking area, or other impervious surface
- a head that is misting because of high water pressure; or

A person may not allow water flow during irrigation that

- allows water to run, flow, stream in a way that extends into a street, parking area, or other impervious surface for a distance of 50 feet or greater: or
- allows water to pond to a depth greater than .25 inch in a street, parking area, or on other impervious surfaces

Please Note - watering is not permitted with a permanently installed irrigation system:

- Between the hours of 5AM and 7PM

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APPLICATION

The applicant will be provided a variance posting form to be placed in a location on the subject property that is accessible and visible to the public. This form must remain in place until the variance is expired.

Please complete the following information:

Property Type: (Please check one)

- ☐ Commercial Facility: a site with five or more dwelling units, or a civic, commercial, or industrial building and the associated landscaping.
- ☐ Residential Facility: a site with four or fewer dwelling units.

Property address: Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Name identified on the Utility Service Account: _____

Mailing Address: Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

City of Austin Utility Service Account #: _____ Meter(s) #: _____

Property Name (if applicable): _____

Property Owner: _____ Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: Street: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property Management Company: _____

Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Landscape Company: _____ Contact: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

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Please provide an explanation of why you are requesting additional watering days (i.e. size of property, # of controllers, # of zones, meter size etc.). Please attach an additional sheet for explanation if needed.

Attach a site map showing the following information:

- north arrow, street information, and building arrangement
- identification number of each controller and its location on the property
- controllers must be color coded and must match the controller with a corresponding irrigation zone
- The boundary of each irrigation zone must be clearly identified

Meter Number	Controller ID	Color on Map	Controller Model	Location of Controller	Total # of Minutes	Zones/Stations (ex. 1-12, 13-24)	Watering Days Requested
	1/A						
	2/B						
	3/C						
	4/D						
	5/E						
	6/F						
	7/G						
	8/H						
	9/I						

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Irrigation controllers located on Property, which is the subject of this variance, must be uniquely labeled with a number that corresponds to their identification number and location as provided on the site map required above. This label must be placed in a visible location on the outside of the control box and must be in place at the time of the inspection by AWU staff and prior to the issuance of the variance.

WATER SERVICE ACCOUNT HOLDER SIGNATURE:

By signing my name below, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct and that all attachments are made part of this variance request and any subsequent approvals. I further understand the watering restrictions imposed by this variance and that irrigation pursuant to this variance does not exempt the applicant or the property owner/manager from complying with the provisions of Austin City Code, Chapter 6-4 Water Conservation.

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Upon completion, Email, Fax or Mail to:

AWU Water Conservation,
P.O. Box 1088
Austin, TX 78767

or FAX to (512) 974-3504

or Email to waterusecompvar@austintexas.gov

Austin Water staff will contact you within ten (10) business days of receipt of the completed application to schedule a field visit. It is strongly recommended that the owner representative/property/manager and a representative of the irrigation management company be present for the initial field inspection with Austin Water staff.

Suspension or Revocation of a Variance - Section 6-4-30 (K)

A variance following its approval by the director may be immediately suspended or revoked by Austin Water Utility if the director or director's designee determines any of the following: a violation of the terms of the variance occurs at the location during the effective period of the variance, the application submitted to the director upon which the variance approval was based included false, misleading, incomplete, or inaccurate information or attachments, the director declares an emergency recall of variances to control use or preserve supply based on protracted drought, unusual operational event, or other public necessity

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Approved ☐

Denied ☐

Initial Site Inspection Date: _____

_____/_____
(AWU staff) (Date)